

Late Backup

RESOLUTION NO.

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3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is committed to the safety, health, and welfare
4 of all its residents; and

5 **WHEREAS**, ensuring the safety of Austin residents, public safety officers,
6 and visitors is a top City priority; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
8 reports that gun violence in the United States is at epidemic levels, claiming over
9 30,000 lives annually; and

10 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
11 Fund, from 2008 to 2019, more law enforcement officers were killed in shootings
12 than by any other means; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on average more than 3,100 gun-related deaths occur in Texas
14 each year; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in just the first weekend of August, at least 31 people were killed
16 in mass acts of gun violence in 24 hours, and on average 100 Americans will be shot
17 and killed every day our state and federal governments do not act; and

18 **WHEREAS**, local organizations including Texas Gun Sense and local
19 chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America have advocated at all
20 levels of government for sensible gun safety legislation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign is a market-based approach
2 to entice gun manufacturers to develop safer gun technologies that make it more
3 difficult for stolen guns to be used or sold on the black market; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, the City of Houston became the first city in Texas to
5 support the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign for gun safety; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after a gunman killed 10 people in Santa Fe, Texas, Houston
7 Mayor Sylvester Turner created a Commission Against Gun Violence to identify
8 definitive steps for action on the local, state, and federal levels; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has taken extensive action to address the
10 epidemic of gun violence including Resolution No. 20130228-035 signifying City
11 Council's intent to endorse efforts to develop a comprehensive approach to reducing
12 gun crime as well as Resolutions Nos., 20161215-064, 20171207-054, and
13 20180510-047; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

- 15 1. The Council ~~directs the Public Safety Commission establishes the Task Force on Gun~~
16 ~~Violence~~ to create a Working Group to advise the Council on potential actions the City can take
17 to reduce gun violence at the local level and to make recommendations for enhancing
existing resources and campaigns, such as safe storage education, community and
domestic violence intervention, and gun surrender programs. The ~~Task Force~~
Working Group also may recommend actions the City can take to partner with other levels
or units of

government and private organizations to make our communities safe and resilient from gun violence.

~~2. The Task Force shall consist of eleven members. Each Council member and the Mayor shall have one nomination each for approval by the Council, with Task Force members selecting a Chair and Vice Chair at their first meeting. All task force members shall be appointed by the Council no later than 90 calendar days from the date this resolution is adopted.~~

~~3. Members of the Task Force shall reflect the diversity of the Austin community and include individuals with expertise or experience in the fields of gun violence, public health, public safety, or advocacy.~~

~~4. The Task Force shall be exempt from any requirement in City Code Chapter 2-1 to comply with the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (*Open Meetings Act*).~~

~~5. A quorum for the conduct of business is six members. No vacancy in the membership of the Task Force shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the Task Force.~~

~~6. Any member of the Task Force may be removed by the Council for malfeasance, failure to attend three or more consecutive meetings for any reason whatsoever, or willful neglect of duty.~~

1 72. The ~~Task Force Working Group~~ shall begin its work as soon as practicable ~~after all~~
~~members are appointed~~ with the goal of issuing a report of its recommendations within six
months of ~~project initiation its first meeting~~.

2 83. The ~~Task Force Working Group~~ shall review best practices and reports from across
the country including the ~~recently completed reportwork of~~ ~~from~~ the City of
Austin Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities, the City of
Houston's Mayor's Commission Against Gun Violence, the Be SMART campaign, and
3 the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign.

4 94. The City Manager shall provide appropriate staff to advise the ~~Task Force Working~~
Group and provide a law enforcement perspective to the members.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

6 The City Council directs the City Manager to provide the Council and the
7 Public Safety Commission a quarterly report on incidents of gun violence that occur
8 within the City. The report shall include geographic information concerning the
9 location of those incidents, demographic information on the individuals involved,
10 incidents of domestic violence involving a firearm, trends across reporting history,
11 incidents of gun violence committed by individuals having a history or an
12 association to hate groups, and any other details determined to be appropriate by
13 City staff. The report should respect all appropriate and relevant privacy laws and
14 best practices.

20 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk